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## **2 CR, Grafenwoehr Soldiers and Families run, walk to “Remember Boston”**

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**ROSE BARRACKS, Germany** – Soldiers and Families from the 2d Cavalry Regiment and surrounding Army communities participated in the “Run for Boston 5k” memorial run, walk April 27, 2013 on Rose Barracks, Germany.

The event was created to show support for the victims of the Boston Marathon bombings that occurred on April 15, 2013.

“I was sitting at home watching the event and saw what happened and wanted to give back and help out. The run was put together to honor those that were [killed or injured] in the attack, said Taylor Brightwell, spouse of a 2nd Squadron, 2 CR Soldier and native of Bakersfield, Calif.

Brightwell started with a small idea that quickly grew to a larger event and 2nd Squadron came in and assisted with the planning and coordination of the event.

“I made the flyer and I didn’t think it would get that big, so I posted the flyer on the community spouses page of Facebook and it blew up,” said Brightwell. “I started with five people in the morning and by 3 o’clock in the afternoon I had 100 people signed up.”

The 5k started and finished at Little Mike Lake on Rose Barracks. All skill levels and ages participated including Families with babies in strollers and small children walking with them.

“It made me feel good that I could support my hometown from across the world, literally,” said Sara Mayberry, a 5k participant and Boston native. “One of my good friends, also from Massachusetts, saw it on Facebook and she signed up for the run and let me know it was available.”

The bombing killed three and injured over 200 spectators and race participants near the marathons finish line on Boylston Street in downtown Boston.

“I want to thank the 2-2 (2nd Squadron) for supporting this. It means a lot that they took the time to come out here today and I want to tell the citizens of Boston that we are thinking of you and support

you,” said Pfc. Devyn Brightwell, Taylor’s husband and a Headquarters and Headquarters Troop, 2nd Squadron Soldier. “I’m also proud of her (his wife), this is for a great cause, it’s just awesome.”

“I was watching the news and it hit me pretty hard. I felt so disconnected living so far away, unless you turn on the TV you don’t really know what happened,” said Brightwell. “After [finding out] what was going on it really affected me and I just wanted to do something to show that we care.”